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1. A government decree, probably issued in April 1954, classified confidential, and dealing with utilization of land in the border areas, set forth, among other things, the following instructions for the Ministry of Interior:
2. By the end of 1956 the border guard units (PS) were to take possession and cultivate the agricultural land (no forested land) in the area extending from the border line to the border obstacles and from the obstacles 20 meters into the interior of the country in the Karlovy Vary, Pilsen, Ceske Budejovice, Jihlava, Brno, and Bratislava regions. The designated area was to be used for agricultural purposes; however, the type of production was limited. The land in the regions of Karlovy Vary, Pilsen, Ceske Budejovice, and Jihlava was to be used for pasture and hay. This land could also be plowed and seeded, but no crops were to be planted which might obstruct visibility. This meant that no grain could be grown in this area. With prior approval of specialists, afforestation could be recommended for some parts of the area. In the regions of Bratislava and Brno the border guard units were to plant crops commonly grown in these regions; however, they were not allowed to grow maize or to plant vineyards. No buildings were to be erected on the territory in possession of the border guard units in any of the above-mentioned regions.
3. The area to be taken over by border guard units in the region of Pilsen included approximately 3,300 hectares; in Karlovy Vary, Jihlava, Ceske Budejovice, and Brno regions, from 1,000 to 2,000 hectares were to be taken over in each region. Only a few hundred hectares were to be taken over in the region of Bratislava.
4. apparently only the areas between the border line and the obstacles would be cultivated since it would be impractical to cultivate the 20-meter strip extending from the obstacles toward the interior of the country.

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